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In re Application of:
YUTAKA TAKANO, ET AL.
Application No.: 09/496,041
Filed: February 2, 2000
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
PURINE NUCLEOTIDES)
Examiner: Kathleen Kerr
Group Art Unit: 1652
May 20, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1 after line 3, before line

4.

This application is a CPA of Application No. 09/496,041 filed February 2, 2000.